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### Gold King Mine Spill

08/06/2015

Region 6 is coordinating with the State of New Mexico (NMED) and with EPA Region 8 to obtain background samples on the Animas River before the plume enters the State of New Mexico. EPA Region 8 collected background samples in Region 6 today, at the first accessible point in New Mexico and near the first drinking water intake in New Mexico

The plume is traveling at approximately 4 miles per hour. The **estimated** arrival time for the plume at the first drinking water intake in New Mexico (Aztec) is 8:00 PM Mountain Time tonight.

According to NMED there are seven drinking water intakes on the Animas River, all have been notified. The Town of Aztec, NM closed their water intakes at 6:00 PM yesterday (August 5). The Town of Farmington, NM closed their water intakes at 10:30 AM today (August 6).

NMED has notified the Navajo Department of Water Resources.

EPA Region 6 Water Quality has notified EPA Region 9 with regard to Region 9 Tribal systems that might be impacted. We also contacted the EPA Region 9 response organization.

EPA Region 6 is in the process of deploying an OSC and START contractors resources to continue water sampling.

The Region 6 OEJTA has been notified of the spill.

The USFWS is engaged in the response to the spill.

In addition, our USFWS contact is in Region 8 and sent us the attached videos.

Thanks,

Ronnie